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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

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Details of chicken hatchings and poultry slaughterings in South Australia for the months of July to December 1966 and for the year ended 30th June 1966 have been compiled from returns submitted by all known South Australian commercial hatchers and slaughterers. Although the figures may not cover some very small producers, it is considered that the statistics give a high level of coverage of hatchings and slaughterings of meat strain chickens and of hatchings of egg strain chicks in commercial hatcheries which sell day-old chicks.

Particulars of poultry slaughtered are given in Table 1. The second table shows numbers of eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries.

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 1 - POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (a)

Period	Chickens (i.e. Broilers, Fryers, or Roasters)	Hens and Stags	Ducks and Drakes	Turkeys	Total
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)					
1965-66: Total	2,716	197	52	20	2,985
1966-67: July	275	12	3	5	295
August	300	12	3	4	319
September	279	21	3	2	305
October	281	18	4	1	304
November	286	15	4	4	309
December	311	15	6	1	333
LIVE WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb.)					
1965-66: Total	8,553	970	304	257	10,084
1966-67: July	885	62	17	62	1,026
August	943	59	17	74	1,093
September	910	108	17	22	1,057
October	929	94	21	11	1,055
November	938	78	22	47	1,085
December	1,026	76	31	11	1,144
DRESSED WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb.) (b)					
1965-66: Total	6,447	653	209	187	7,496
1966-67: July	665	42	12	47	766
August	713	40	13	56	822
September	693	74	12	17	796
October	717	64	15	8	804
November	724	52	16	34	827
December	774	53	22	8	857

(a) Excludes geese slaughtered (444 geese with live weight of 3,979 lb. and dressed weight of 2,795 lb. were slaughtered during 1965-66).

(b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets as reported by producers.

TABLE 2 - EGGS SET AND CHICKS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

Particulars	1965 - 66	JULY 1966	AUGUST 1966	SEPTEMBER 1966	OCTOBER 1966	NOVEMBER 1966	DECEMBER 1966
Eggs set, including eggs which failed to hatch -	'000						
Meat strains	5,089	480	485	495	542	469	491
Egg strains	4,464	887	1,103	852	378	199	94
Total eggs	9,553	1,367	1,588	1,347	920	667	585
Chicks hatched (a) and intended to be raised for -							
Chicken meat -							
Meat strains - unsexed	3,501	337	374	352	332	357	377
Egg strains(b) - crossbred and other cockerels	274	19	41	41	43	19	9
Egg production -							
Egg strains (b) - pullets	1,525	259	371	385	247	102	35
Breeding -							
Egg strains - pullets	70	27	23	9	6	3	-
cockerels	8	2	2	3	3	-	-
Total chicks (c)	5,378	644	811	790	630	481	422

(a) Excluding chicks destroyed.

(b) Egg strain chicks sold as "unsexed" have been allocated equally between chicks for chicken meat and chicks for egg production. The number so reported was 5,900 for December 1966.

(c) Excludes meat strain chicks for breeding purposes, details of which are not available for publication.

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